

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 24 with the following rewritten version:

C) -- The spool 2, disposed between the two side plates 15 and 16, is a bobbin form having flanges at either end. The spool 2 is rotatively carried by the first and second side covers 11 and 12 on the reel body, and is connected to the handle 3 via a torque-transmission mechanism not illustrated herein. The torque-transmission mechanism includes a lever-drag mechanism not illustrated herein. By setting the drag force with the lever-drag mechanism, the torque-transmission mechanism is put into a state in which the torque-transmission mechanism is connected to transmit the rotation, and also rotation in the line reel-out direction is prevented. Further, by releasing the drag force through the lever-drag mechanism, a free-rotating state is achieved, whereby any rotations including rotations in the line reel-out direction are allowed. A drag lever 5 is pivotally fitted to the second side cover 12 and extends toward the mounting pod 21 as shown in Figure 1. The drag lever 5 sets the drag force of the lever-drag mechanism. --